

## Senate Bill No. 1522

### CHAPTER 391

An act to add Section 13952.1 to the Water Code, relating to water, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1522, Leslie. Recycled water: Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act contains special water quality provisions governing waste disposal in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including the requirement to transport prescribed sewage effluent outside that basin, except as specified.

This bill would authorize the South Tahoe Public Utility District to provide recycled water only to prevent the destruction of its Luther Pass recycled water pump station from a catastrophic fire, as defined, if certain requirements are met.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 13952.1 is added to the Water Code, to read:

13952.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 13951, the South Tahoe Public Utility District may provide recycled water only to prevent the destruction of its Luther Pass recycled water pump station from a catastrophic fire if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The district submits an engineering report to the Lahontan Regional Board and the State Department of Health Services, as required by that regional board and that department.

(2) The Lahontan Regional Board, the State Department of Health Services, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency authorize the use of recycled water, and the specified area or areas in the immediate vicinity of the pump station where that recycled water may be used, only to prevent the destruction of the district's Luther Pass recycled water pump station from a catastrophic fire.

(3) The fire incident commander authorizes the use of the recycled water to prevent the destruction of the district's Luther Pass recycled water pump station from a catastrophic fire, as authorized pursuant to this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, "catastrophic fire" means a condition exists that will result in severe harm to life, property, and the environment if the use of recycled water as authorized pursuant

to this section is not used, and all other methods to extinguish the fire have been exhausted.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the recycled water export requirements to which the South Tahoe Public Utility District is subject.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to prevent the possible destruction of the Luther Pass recycled water pump facility from a catastrophic fire at the earliest possible time, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

